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## Elliptic Curves Related to Cyclic Cubic Extensions II

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**Abstract.** We generalize some results in the earlier paper [4] and present further observations for elliptic curves arising from plane sections of a cubic surface defined by the norm map of an arbitrary cyclic cubic extension  $K/F$ .

### Introduction

In the previous paper [4], we considered elliptic curves  $\mathcal{X}_h$  defined over a number field  $F$  arising from plane sections of a cubic surface  $\mathcal{X}$  defined by the norm map for a cyclic cubic extension  $K/F$ , and gave an upper bound for the Selmer groups of those elliptic curves using some ideal class group of the cyclic cubic extension  $K/F$ . Particularly we proved (Theorem 1.1, Remark 4.2 in [4]) that every elliptic curve  $E := \mathcal{X}_h$  arises as above has the Weierstrass equation

$$y^2z + \text{Tr}(\gamma_h)xyz + N(\gamma_h)yz^2 = x^3 \quad (\gamma_h \in K^*),$$

where  $\text{Tr}$ ,  $N$  are the trace map and the norm map for  $K/F$ , respectively and the following two properties:

- (i)  $E$  has an  $F$ -rational 3-torsion point  $T$ .
- (ii) For the 3-isogeny  $\phi : E \rightarrow \widehat{E} := E/\langle T \rangle$ , there exists some point  $P \in \widehat{E}(F)$  such that  $K = F(\phi^{-1}(P))$ .

In this paper, we generalize these results to any base field  $F$  of arbitrary characteristic (Theorem 1.1), and show that the converse statement holds; namely, if an elliptic curve  $E$  defined over  $F$  has the properties (i)(ii), then the elliptic curve  $E/F$  arises as some plane section of the cubic surface  $\mathcal{X}$  associated with the cyclic cubic extension  $K/F$ . Especially the property (ii) connects with the rank of Mordell-Weil group; that is, (ii) is equivalent to the condition that the image of a certain connecting homomorphism  $\delta$  is non-trivial; where  $\delta$  is derived from the Galois cohomology induced by the 3-isogeny in (ii). It is well-known that if one knows the whole image of the map  $\delta$  and its dual map  $\widehat{\delta}$ , then one can determine the rank  $\text{rank} E(F)$  of the Mordell-Weil group  $E(F)$ . This result gives some sort of characterization of elliptic curves  $\{E/F\}$  under the condition that the image  $\text{Im } \delta$  of  $\delta$  is non-trivial (Theorem 1.2, Corollary 1.3). Finally, for every elliptic curve  $\mathcal{X}_h$  over any field  $L$  containing  $F$  but not  $\sqrt{-3}$ , we prove that  $L$ -rational points on a certain Zariski open subset of  $\mathcal{X}_h$  parametrize the set of all  $L$ -isomorphic elliptic curves  $\{\mathcal{X}_{h'}\} (\ni \mathcal{X}_h)$  passing

through a fixed point (Theorem 2.27), which allows us to determine when two elliptic curves  $\mathcal{X}_h, \mathcal{X}_{h'}$  are isomorphic over  $L$  (Theorem 1.4).

Our main results are stated in §1, and in §2 we give the proof of main results and present detailed arguments.

## 1. Setting and main results

Fix a cyclic cubic extension  $K/F$  over any field  $F$ , a generator  $\sigma$  of the Galois group  $\text{Gal}(K/F)$  (which we frequently identify with  $\text{Gal}(K(x, y, z, w)/F(x, y, z, w))$ , where  $x, y, z, w$  are algebraically independent over  $F$ ), and we write  $\text{Tr}, N$  for the trace map and the norm map for  $K/F$  (or  $K(x, y, z, w)/F(x, y, z, w)$ ), respectively. For a basis  $\{1, \alpha_1, \alpha_2\}$  of  $K/F$ , let  $\mathcal{X}$  denote the cubic surface in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  defined by

$$N(x + y\alpha_1 + z\alpha_2) = w^3, \quad [x, y, z, w] \in \mathbb{P}^3,$$

which is independent of the choice of basis up to  $F$ -isomorphisms. In this paper, we call  $\mathcal{X}$  the norm surface attached to  $K/F$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{X}_h (= \mathcal{X} \cap h)$  a plane section of  $\mathcal{X}$  by a plane  $h \subset \mathbb{P}^3$  defined over  $F$ , and let  $\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{X})$  denote the set of all  $F$ -isomorphism classes of elliptic curves defined over  $F$  arising from plane sections  $\{\mathcal{X}_h\}$  of  $\mathcal{X}$  attached to  $K/F$ .

The following theorem generalizes Theorem 1.1 in [4] to arbitrary characteristic cases.

**THEOREM 1.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a norm surface attached to any cyclic cubic extension  $K/F$  of arbitrary characteristic with any basis  $\{1, \alpha_1, \alpha_2\}$ . Then, for every  $F$ -isomorphism class  $\{\mathcal{X}_h\} \in \mathcal{E}(\mathcal{X})$  of elliptic curves, there exists some representative  $\mathcal{X}_h$  with a plane  $h$  of the form  $a(x - w) + by + cz = 0$  and an isomorphism  $\vartheta : \mathcal{X}_h \simeq \mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}_h)$  over  $F$ . Here  $\mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}_h)$  is an elliptic curve defined over  $F$  given by the Weierstrass equation*

$$y^2z + \text{Tr}(\gamma_h)xyz + N(\gamma_h)yz^2 = x^3, \quad \text{where } \gamma_h = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 \\ 1 & \alpha_1^\sigma & \alpha_2^\sigma \\ a & b & c \end{vmatrix}.$$

If an elliptic curve  $E$  defined over  $F$  has an isogeny  $\phi$  defined over  $F$ , then let  $(\widehat{E}, \widehat{\phi})$  denote the dual elliptic curve and isogeny for  $(E, \phi)$ .

**THEOREM 1.2.** *Let  $\mathcal{E}_{K/F}$  be the set of all  $F$ -isomorphism classes of elliptic curves defined over  $F$  with the following two properties:*

- (i)  *$E$  has an  $F$ -rational 3-torsion point  $T$ .*
- (ii) *For the 3-isogeny  $\phi : E \rightarrow \widehat{E} = E/\langle T \rangle$ , there exists some point  $P \in \widehat{E}(F)$  such that  $K = F(\phi^{-1}(P))$ .*

*Then  $\mathcal{E}_{K/F} = \mathcal{E}(\mathcal{X})$ . Especially any elliptic curve satisfying the properties (i)(ii) arises from the plane section of the norm surface  $\mathcal{X}$  attached to  $K/F$ .*

Assume that  $F$  is a perfect field. Fix a separable closure  $\overline{F}$  of  $F$ . For an elliptic curve  $E$  with an isogeny  $\phi : E \rightarrow \widehat{E} = E/\langle T \rangle$  associated with some 3-torsion point  $T$ , if we let  $\delta$  denote the connecting homomorphism

$$0 \longrightarrow \widehat{E}(F)/\phi(E(F)) \xrightarrow{\delta} H^1(F, \ker \phi) = \text{Hom}(\text{Gal}(\overline{F}/F), \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}),$$

and  $\widehat{\phi}$  the dual connecting homomorphism

$$0 \longrightarrow E(F)/\widehat{\phi}(\widehat{E}(F)) \xrightarrow{\widehat{\delta}} H^1(F, \ker \widehat{\phi}),$$

then there is a well-known formula (see [7], [5] for details)

$$\text{rank} E(F) = \dim_{\mathbb{F}_3} \text{Im } \delta + \dim_{\mathbb{F}_3} \text{Im } \widehat{\delta} - \mu, \quad \text{where} \quad \mu = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } \sqrt{-3} \in F \\ 1 & \text{if } \sqrt{-3} \notin F. \end{cases}$$

Theorem 1.2 particularly says that if  $\dim_{\mathbb{F}_3} \text{Im } \delta > 0$  then the elliptic curve  $E$  arises as a plane section of a norm surface  $\mathcal{X}$  attached to a certain cyclic cubic extension. Specifically, we have the following corollary.

**COROLLARY 1.3.** *Let  $E$  be an elliptic curve defined over a perfect field  $F$  with an  $F$ -rational 3-torsion point  $T$ , and  $\phi$  the 3-isogeny  $E \rightarrow \widehat{E} = E/\langle T \rangle$ . If there exists some point  $P \in \widehat{E}(F)$  not contained in  $\phi(E(F))$  (i.e.  $\text{Im } \delta$  is non-trivial), then the elliptic curve  $E/F$  represents a class in  $\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{X})$  for the norm surface  $\mathcal{X}$  attached to the cyclic cubic extension  $F(\phi^{-1}(P))/F$  (i.e. there exists some plane section  $\mathcal{X}_h$  of  $\mathcal{X}$  such that  $E$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{X}_h$  over  $F$ ).*

Further, the set of isomorphic elliptic curves  $\{\mathcal{X}_h\}$  on the norm surface  $\mathcal{X}$  turns out to be described by rational points on  $\mathcal{X}$ . In order to specify the statement, we recall the action of the algebraic torus  $\mathcal{X}_{w \neq 0}$  on the dual projective space  $\check{\mathbb{P}}^3$ , the space of all planes  $\{h\}$  in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  (§2 in [4]). We frequently use the notation  $V_{w \neq 0}$  for the Zariski open subset  $V - \{w = 0\}$  of an algebraic variety  $V \subset \mathbb{P}^3$ .

Since the affine surface  $\mathcal{X}_{w \neq 0}$  is a linear algebraic group defined over  $F$ , the left translation  $Q \mapsto P \cdot Q$  on  $\mathcal{X}_{w \neq 0}$  induces a faithful regular representation  $\rho$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\rho} : \mathcal{X}_{w \neq 0}(\overline{F}) &\xrightarrow{\rho} \text{GL}_3(\overline{F}) \longrightarrow \text{PGL}_4(\overline{F}) \\ P &\longmapsto \rho(P) \longmapsto \begin{pmatrix} \rho(P) & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

The representation  $\tilde{\rho}$  also induces an action of the group  $\mathcal{X}_{w \neq 0}(\overline{F})$  on  $\check{\mathbb{P}}^3$ . Thus every point  $P \in \mathcal{X}_{w \neq 0}(\overline{F})$  gives rise to the action

$$P \cdot \mathcal{X}_h := \tilde{\rho}(P)(\mathcal{X}_h) = \mathcal{X}_{\tilde{\rho}(P)(h)}.$$

Here the plane  $\tilde{\rho}(P)(h) : a'x + b'y + c'z + d'w = 0$  is given by

$$[a', b', c', d'] = [a, b, c, d] \cdot {}^t \tilde{\rho}(P)^{-1}.$$

We identify a plane  $ax + by + cz + dw = 0$  defined over a field  $L$  in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  with a point  $[a, b, c, d] \in \check{\mathbb{P}}^3(L)$ , and denote the set of all planes defined over  $L$  in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  by  $\check{\mathbb{P}}^3(L)$ .

The following theorem tells us when two elliptic curves  $\mathcal{X}_h, \mathcal{X}_{h'}$  are isomorphic over  $F$ .

**THEOREM 1.4.** *Let  $h, h' \in \check{\mathbb{P}}^3(F)$  be any planes such that  $\mathcal{X}_h$  and  $\mathcal{X}_{h'}$  are elliptic curves defined over  $F$ , and let  $L$  denote any field containing  $F$  but not  $\sqrt{-3}$ . Then  $\mathcal{X}_h$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{X}_{h'}$  over some field  $L$  if and only if there exists some point  $P \in \mathcal{X}_{w \neq 0}(L)$  such that  $\mathcal{X}_h = P \cdot \mathcal{X}_{h'}$ .*

## 2. The proof of main results

Let  $K_t$  denote the minimal splitting field of the polynomial

$$g(x; t) := x^3 + tx^2 - (t+3)x + 1 \in F(t)[x]$$

with discriminant the square of  $\delta(g) := t^2 + 3t + 9$ , which is a cyclic cubic extension over the function field  $F(t)$ . The polynomial  $g(x; t)$  is generic for cyclic cubic extensions, namely, an appropriate specialization  $t \in F$  gives a minimal polynomial  $g(x; t)$  of an arbitrary cyclic cubic extension over  $F$  (See [6]). Note that, in characteristic 3, the polynomial  $g(x; t)$  reduces to the Artin-Schreier polynomial

$$x'^3 - x' - \frac{1}{t}$$

by the substitution  $x' = 1/(x+1)$ .

In the proofs of the theorems above, we will use the cyclic cubic extension  $K_t/F(t)$  (which parametrizes all cyclic cubic extensions over  $F$ ) instead of a single cyclic cubic extension  $K/F$ , and hence the setting for  $K/F$  in §1 is interpreted as setting for  $K_t/F(t)$  in this section, such as  $\text{Gal}(K_t/F(t)) = \langle \sigma \rangle$ . Note that the proof in this section is still valid for any specialization  $t \in F$  such that  $K_t \neq F$ , but Theorem 2.5 is valid even for the case  $K_t = F$  if  $\delta(g) \neq 0$ .

The proof of our results will be given in the following steps:

- (I)  $\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{X}) \subset \mathcal{E}_{K_t/F(t)}$ .
- (II) (Theorem 1.1) For every  $F(t)$ -isomorphism class  $\{\mathcal{X}_h\} \in \mathcal{E}(\mathcal{X})$  of elliptic curves, there exists some representative  $\mathcal{X}_h$  containing the point  $\mathcal{O} := [1, 0, 0, 1] \in \mathcal{X}$  whose Weierstrass equation is given by

$$y^2z + \text{Tr}(\gamma_h)xyz + \text{N}(\gamma_h)yz^2 = x^3,$$

where  $\gamma_h$  is an element in  $K_t^*$  determined by  $h$ .

- (III)  $\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{X}) \supset \mathcal{E}_{K_t/F(t)}$ .
- (IV) Every elliptic curve  $\mathcal{X}_h$  is isomorphic to a certain curve  $\mathcal{C}_h$  in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  over  $F(t, h)$  defined using trace  $\text{Tr}$  and norm  $\text{N}$ .
- (V) The rational points on the Zariski open subset  $\mathcal{C}_{h,w \neq 0}$  on the curve  $\mathcal{C}_h$  parametrize the isomorphic elliptic curves  $\{\mathcal{X}_h\}$  passing through the point  $\mathcal{O}$ .

The polynomial  $g(x; t)$  is used in the proof of (II), (III) and (IV). Although (II) was proved in [4] for the case where  $F$  is a number field, here we generalize it for an arbitrary field  $F$  and apply (II) to (III). In order to prove (I), we consider a certain divisor  $D$  on the norm surface  $\mathcal{X}$ , and show the existence of a special point on  $\mathcal{X}_h$  derived from the divisor  $D$ . Theorem 1.2 follows from the results (I) and (III). Combining (IV) and (V) yields Theorem 1.4.

### 2.1. The proof of (I)

LEMMA 2.1. *For an elliptic curve  $E$  defined over  $F(t)$ , the properties (i)(ii) in Theorem 1.2 is equivalent to the following property:*

- (iii) *There is a point  $Q \in E(K_t)$  not contained in  $E(F(t))$  such that  $\text{Tr}(Q) = 3Q$ .*

*Here  $\text{Tr}$  is the trace map from the Mordell-Weil group  $E(K_t)$  to  $E(F(t))$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $E/F(t)$  has the properties (i)(ii). For any  $Q \in \phi^{-1}(P)$ , since  $Q^\sigma \neq Q$  and  $\phi(Q^\sigma - Q) = P^\sigma - P = O$  (identity element), we have  $Q^\sigma - Q \in \ker \phi - \{O\}$ . By the property (i),  $\ker \phi = \langle T \rangle \subset E(F(t))$ , and hence  $(Q^\sigma - Q)^{\sigma^2} = Q^\sigma - Q$ . Thus the property (iii) follows. Suppose that  $E/F(t)$  has the property (iii). Then the point  $T = Q^\sigma - Q$  is a 3-torsion point, and the condition  $\text{Tr}(Q) = 3Q$  is equivalent to  $(Q^\sigma - Q)^\sigma = Q^\sigma - Q$ , that is,  $T^\sigma = T$ . The property (i) follows from this. Let  $\phi$  be an isogeny  $E \rightarrow \widehat{E} = E/\langle T \rangle$  defined over  $F(t)$ . Then  $O = \phi(T) = \phi(Q)^\sigma - \phi(Q)$ , and the point  $P = \phi(Q)$  satisfies the property (ii).  $\square$

LEMMA 2.2. For any  $a, b, c \in F(t)$ , the determinant of the matrix

$$M(a, b, c) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 \\ 1 & \alpha_1^\sigma & \alpha_2^\sigma \\ a & b & c \end{pmatrix}$$

is zero if and only if  $a = b = c = 0$ .

*Proof.* If  $\alpha$  is a root of the cubic equation  $g(x; t) = 0$  then  $\alpha, 1/(1 - \alpha), 1 - 1/\alpha$  are all the roots. Let  $\beta_1 := \alpha, \beta_2 := 1/(1 - \alpha)$ . Since  $g(x; t)$  is a minimal polynomial of  $K_t/F(t)$ ,  $\{1, \beta_1, \beta_2\}$  is a basis of  $K_t/F(t)$ , and we can choose a root  $\alpha$  so that  $\beta_1^\sigma = \beta_2$ . Then there exists a linear transformation  $(1, \alpha_1, \alpha_2)M_0 = (1, \beta_1, \beta_2)$ , where  $M_0 \in \text{GL}_2(F(t))$ . We thus have

$$M(a, b, c) \cdot M_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \beta_1 & \beta_2 \\ 1 & \beta_1^\sigma & \beta_2^\sigma \\ a' & b' & c' \end{pmatrix} (= M')$$

for some  $a', b', c' \in F(t)$  (in fact,  $a' = a$ ). Using the equation  $g(\alpha; t) = 0$  yields

$$\beta_2 = -\alpha^2 - (t + 1)\alpha + 2,$$

$$\beta_2^\sigma = 1 - \frac{1}{\alpha} = \alpha^2 + t\alpha - (t + 2).$$

Again using  $g(\alpha; t) = 0$ , the determinant  $|M'|$  reduces to

$$\{a'(t - 3) + b'(t + 4) + 2c'\} + \{a'(-t^2 - t) + b'(-2t - 1) + c'(-t - 2)\}\alpha + (-a't - 2b' - c')\alpha^2.$$

Since  $\{1, \alpha, \alpha^2\}$  is also a basis of  $K_t/F(t)$ , the equation  $|M'| = 0$  holds if and only if

$$\begin{pmatrix} t - 3 & t + 4 & 2 \\ -t^2 - t & -2t - 1 & -t - 2 \\ -t & -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a' \\ b' \\ c' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a'(t - 3) + b'(t + 4) + 2c' \\ a'(-t^2 - t) + b'(-2t - 1) + c'(-t - 2) \\ -a't - 2b' - c' \end{pmatrix}$$

is the zero vector. The coefficient matrix on the left-hand side has determinant  $\delta(g)$ , which is non-zero, and hence  $|M(a, b, c)| \cdot |M_0| = |M'| = 0$  is equivalent to  $(a, b, c)M_0 = (a', b', c') = (0, 0, 0)$ . Now the lemma follows.  $\square$

The following proposition says that the plane section  $D \cap h$  of a certain divisor  $D$  on  $\mathcal{X}$  produces a special  $K_t$ -rational point on the elliptic curve  $\mathcal{X}_h$ .

PROPOSITION 2.3. *For the norm surface  $\mathcal{X}$  attached to  $K_t/F(t)$ , let  $D$  be the divisor on  $\mathcal{X}$  defined by the equation*

$$w = 0, \quad x + y\alpha_1 + z\alpha_2 = 0.$$

*For any plane  $h \in \check{\mathbb{P}}^3(F(t))$ , if  $h \neq [0, 0, 0, 1]$  then the intersections  $Q = D \cap h$ ,  $Q^\sigma$ ,  $Q^{\sigma^2}$  are all the distinct points on  $\mathcal{X}_h \cap \{w = 0\}$ . Furthermore if we assume that the curve  $\mathcal{X}_h$  is smooth (hence, is of genus 1) then the divisor  $3(Q)$  is linearly equivalent to the divisor  $(Q) + (Q^\sigma) + (Q^{\sigma^2})$  on  $\mathcal{X}_h$ .*

*Proof.* For any  $h = [a, b, c, d] \in \check{\mathbb{P}}^3(F(t)) - \{[0, 0, 0, 1]\}$ , the intersection  $Q = D \cap h$  is the point (which was denoted by  $\mathcal{O}'$  in [4])

$$[c\alpha_1 - b\alpha_2, a\alpha_2 - c, -a\alpha_1 + b, 0].$$

If  $(D^\sigma \cap h)Q^\sigma = Q$  then  $D^\sigma \cap D \in h$ , so

$$a(\alpha_1^\sigma \alpha_2 - \alpha_1 \alpha_2^\sigma) + b(\alpha_2 - \alpha_2^\sigma) + c(\alpha_1^\sigma - \alpha_1) = 0.$$

Here  $D^\sigma \cap D = [\alpha_1^\sigma \alpha_2 - \alpha_1 \alpha_2^\sigma, \alpha_2 - \alpha_2^\sigma, \alpha_1^\sigma - \alpha_1, 0]$ . Since the left-hand side of this equation is just  $|M(a, b, c)|$  defined in Lemma 2.2, we have  $a = b = c = 0$ . This contradicts  $h \neq [0, 0, 0, 1]$ . Therefore  $Q^\sigma \neq Q$ . Using the Galois action of  $\text{Gal}(K_t/F(t))$ , it turns out that  $Q$ ,  $Q^\sigma$ ,  $Q^{\sigma^2}$  are distinct points, and clearly fill up  $\mathcal{X}_h \cap \{w = 0\}$ . Assume that  $\mathcal{X}_h$  is smooth. Then the points  $Q$ ,  $Q^\sigma$ ,  $Q^{\sigma^2}$  are smooth, so the local ring  $K_t[\mathcal{X}_h]_Q$  (resp.  $K_t[\mathcal{X}_h]_{Q^\sigma}$ ,  $K_t[\mathcal{X}_h]_{Q^{\sigma^2}}$ ) of  $\mathcal{X}_h$  at  $Q$  (resp.  $Q^\sigma$ ,  $Q^{\sigma^2}$ ) is a discrete valuation ring. A direct calculation (similar calculation has been given in Lemma 6.1 in [4]) shows that the maximal ideal of the ring  $K_t[\mathcal{X}_h]_Q$  (resp.  $K_t[\mathcal{X}_h]_{Q^\sigma}$ ,  $K_t[\mathcal{X}_h]_{Q^{\sigma^2}}$ ) is generated by the uniformizer  $w$ . Thus we have

$$\text{the principal divisor of } \frac{x + y\alpha_1 + z\alpha_2}{w} = 3(Q) - (Q) - (Q^\sigma) - (Q^{\sigma^2}).$$

This proves the proposition.  $\square$

REMARK 2.4. Note that if  $h = [0, 0, 0, 1]$  then the plane section  $\mathcal{X}_h$  splits into three lines, namely,  $\mathcal{X}_h = D \cup D^\sigma \cup D^{\sigma^2}$ .

Now (I) follows from Proposition 2.3 and Lemma 2.1. If  $\mathcal{X}_h$  is an elliptic curve representing an isomorphism class in  $\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{X})$ , then  $\mathcal{X}_h$  is isomorphic to the degree 0 subgroup  $\text{Cl}^0(\mathcal{X}_h)$  of the Weil divisor class group of  $\mathcal{X}_h$  over  $F(t)$  via the Abel-Jacobi map, and hence, by Proposition 2.3 there exists a point  $Q \in \mathcal{X}_h(K_t)$  satisfying the property (iii). Thus (I) follows.

## 2.2. The proof of (II) (Theorem 1.1)

For a plane  $h \in \check{\mathbb{P}}^3(F(t))$ , if there is some point  $P \in \mathcal{X}_{h, w \neq 0}(F(t))$  then the point  $\mathcal{O}$  lies on the plane  $h' = \tilde{\rho}(P^{-1})(h)$  and  $\mathcal{X}_{h'}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{X}_h$  over  $F(t)$ . It thus suffices to consider only the planes of the form

$$a(x - w) + by + cz = 0, \quad [a, b, c, -a] \in \check{\mathbb{P}}^3(F(t))$$

on which the point  $\mathcal{O}$  lies.

We first give a Weierstrass equation of an elliptic curve  $\mathcal{X}_h$  for a special basis of  $K_t/F(t)$ .

**THEOREM 2.5.** *For any root  $\alpha$  of the equation  $g(x; t) = 0$ , let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a norm surface attached to  $K_t/F(t)$  with the basis  $\{1, \beta_1, \beta_2\}$ , where  $\beta_1 = \alpha$ ,  $\beta_2 = 1/(1 - \alpha)$ . For any plane  $h = [a, b, c, -a] \in \check{\mathbb{P}}^3(F(t))$  so that  $\mathcal{X}_h$  is an elliptic curve, there exists an isomorphism  $\vartheta : \mathcal{X}_h \simeq \mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}_h)$  over  $F(t)$ . Here  $\mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}_h)$  is an elliptic curve defined in the statement of Theorem 1.1 (with the substitution  $\{1, \alpha_1, \alpha_2\} \mapsto \{1, \beta_1, \beta_2\}$ ).*

**REMARK 2.6.** Theorem 2.5 is valid not only for any specialization  $t \in F$  such that  $K_t/F$  is a cyclic cubic extension, but also for the case  $K_t = F$  with a specialization  $t \in F$  satisfying the condition  $\delta(g) \neq 0$ . In the latter case, we formally regard the set  $\{1, \sigma, \sigma^2\}$  as the permutation group of order 3 acting on all the roots of  $g(x; t) = 0$ .

Upon using Theorem 2.5, we prove (II) (Theorem 1.1); that is, arbitrary basis cases.

*Proof of Theorem 1.1.* For any cyclic cubic extension  $K/F$  (which we identify with  $K_t/F(t)$  for a suitable  $t \in F$ ), since the set  $\mathcal{X}_h(F) (\neq \emptyset)$  coincides with  $\mathcal{X}_{h,w \neq 0}(F)$ , we can choose a representative  $\mathcal{X}_h$  passing through the point  $\mathcal{O}$  from every  $F$ -isomorphism class  $\{\mathcal{X}_h\} \in \mathcal{E}(\mathcal{X})$  as mentioned at the beginning of this subsection.

Let  $\mathcal{X}'$  be the norm surface attached to  $K/F$  with the basis  $\{1, \beta_1, \beta_2\}$ , where  $\beta_1 = \alpha$ ,  $\beta_2 = 1/(1 - \alpha)$  with a root  $\alpha$  of the equation  $g(x; t) = 0$ . As we have seen in Lemma 2.2, there is a linear transformation  $M_0 \in \text{GL}_2(F)$  such that  $M(a, b, c) \cdot M_0 = M'$ , which induces an isomorphism  $\mathcal{X}_h \simeq \mathcal{X}'_{h'}$  over  $F$ , where  $h' = [a', b', c', -a']$ . Thus, using Theorem 2.5 yields an isomorphism  $\mathcal{X}'_{h'} \simeq \mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}'_{h'})$  with  $\gamma_{h'} = |M'| = |M(a, b, c)| \cdot |M_0|$ . By the substitution  $(x, y) \mapsto (|M_0|^2 x, |M_0|^3 y)$ , we have  $\mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}'_{h'}) \simeq \mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}_h)$ , and hence  $\mathcal{X}_h \simeq \mathcal{X}'_{h'} \simeq \mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}'_{h'}) \simeq \mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}_h)$ .  $\square$

**REMARK 2.7.** For the Weierstrass equation of  $\mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}_h)$ , the discriminant is given by

$$\Delta(\mathcal{X}_h) = N(\gamma_h)^3 \{ \text{Tr}(\gamma_h)^3 - 27N(\gamma_h) \}.$$

If  $\Delta(\mathcal{X}_h)$  is non-zero (i.e.  $\mathcal{X}_h$  is an elliptic curve), then the  $j$ -invariant is

$$j(\mathcal{X}_h) = \frac{\text{Tr}(\gamma_h)^3 \{ \text{Tr}(\gamma_h)^3 - 24N(\gamma_h) \}^3}{N(\gamma_h)^3 \{ \text{Tr}(\gamma_h)^3 - 27N(\gamma_h) \}}.$$

**REMARK 2.8.** In the paper [4], we saw in Theorem 1.1 that the plane section  $\mathcal{X}_h$  has the Weierstrass equation

$$y^2 + a \delta(\mathcal{X})xy - N(\gamma_h)y = x^3,$$

where  $\delta(\mathcal{X})$  is the determinant

$$\delta(\mathcal{X}) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 \\ 1 & \alpha_1^\sigma & \alpha_2^\sigma \\ 1 & \alpha_1^{\sigma^2} & \alpha_2^{\sigma^2} \end{vmatrix}.$$

However this statement is incorrect (The proof of Theorem 1.1 is correct). It should be replaced by

$$\delta(\mathcal{X}) = - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 \\ 1 & \alpha_1^\sigma & \alpha_2^\sigma \\ 1 & \alpha_1^{\sigma^2} & \alpha_2^{\sigma^2} \end{vmatrix}.$$

REMARK 2.9. It is easily seen that there is an equality

$$\mathrm{Tr}(\gamma_h) = a \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 \\ 1 & \alpha_1^\sigma & \alpha_2^\sigma \\ 1 & \alpha_1^{\sigma^2} & \alpha_2^{\sigma^2} \end{vmatrix},$$

which gives an identification of the Weierstrass equation in Theorem 2.5 with that in Theorem 1.1 in [4] by the substitution  $(x, y) \mapsto (x, -y)$ .

*Proof of Theorem 2.5.* We first make preparations. If  $\alpha$  is a root of the cubic equation  $g(x; t) = 0$  then  $\alpha, 1/(1 - \alpha), 1 - 1/\alpha$  are all the roots. We can express the defining equation  $f(x, y, z, w) = 0$  of  $\mathcal{X}$  by

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y, z, w) = & x^3 - tx^2y - (t + 3)xy^2 - y^3 \\ & - tx^2z + (t^2 + t + 3)xyz - 3y^2z \\ & - (t + 3)xz^2 + (t^2 + 3t + 6)yz^2 - z^3 - w^3. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, we make a substitution of the cubic curve  $\mathcal{X}_h$  using the isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \vartheta_0 : \mathcal{X}_h &\longrightarrow \vartheta_0(\mathcal{X}_h) = \vartheta_0(\mathcal{X}) \cap \vartheta_0(h) \\ [x, y, z, w] &\longmapsto [x - w, y, z, w], \end{aligned}$$

which translates the point  $\mathcal{O}$  to the point  $P_1 := [0, 0, 0, 1]$ . The surface  $\vartheta_0(\mathcal{X})$  is defined by the equation  $f_0(x, y, z, w) = 0$ , where

$$f_0(x, y, z, w) = f(x + w, y, z, w),$$

and the plane  $\vartheta_0(h)$  has the form

$$ax + by + cz = 0.$$

If  $P_1$  is not an inflexion point then we denote by  $P_2$  the third point at which the tangent line at  $P_1$  meets  $\vartheta_0(\mathcal{X}_h)$  again, and also if  $P_2$  is not an inflexion point then let  $P_3$  be the third point at which the tangent line at  $P_2$  meets  $\vartheta_0(\mathcal{X}_h)$  again.

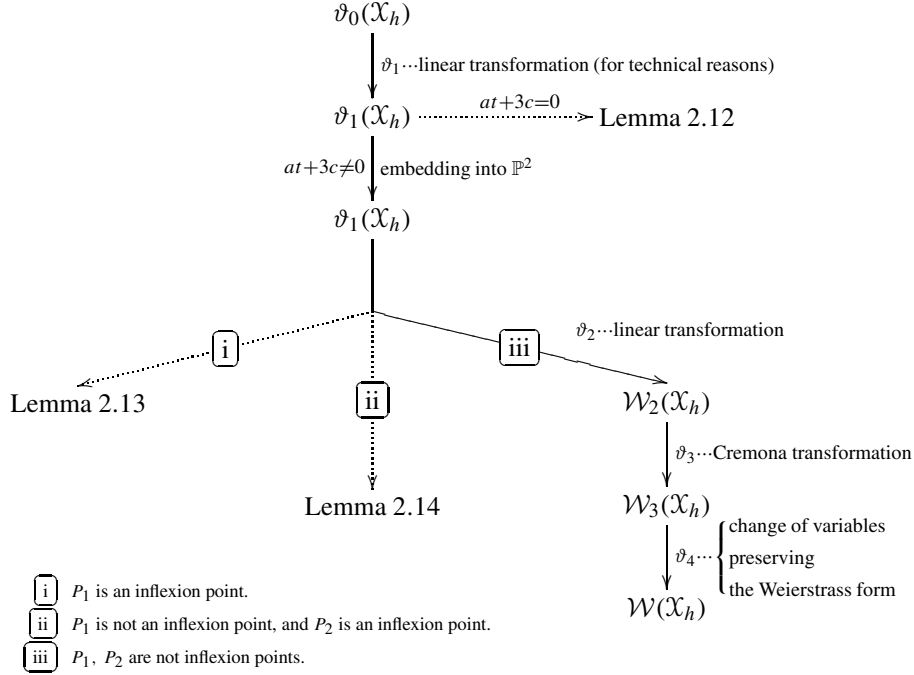
On account of technical reasons, we divide the proof of Theorem 2.5 into two cases where  $\mathrm{char}(F) \neq 3$  or  $\mathrm{char}(F) = 3$ . Each proof is given in Proposition 2.10 and Proposition 2.15, respectively. The proof we give here is based on the method in [1], [2].  $\square$

We assume the condition of Theorem 2.5 in the present subsection.

PROPOSITION 2.10. *If  $\mathrm{char}(F) \neq 3$  then there exists an isomorphism  $\vartheta : \mathcal{X}_h \simeq \mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}_h)$  defined over  $F(t)$ .*



*Proof.* We will prove the statement via the following flowchart.



The first isomorphism  $\vartheta_1$  is defined by the linear map

$$\vartheta_1 : \vartheta_0(\mathcal{X}_h) \longrightarrow \vartheta_1(\mathcal{X}_h) = \vartheta_1(\mathcal{X}) \cap \vartheta_1(h)$$

$$[x, y, z, w] \longmapsto [x, y, z, w] \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ t & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ t & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1},$$

which is well-defined by the assumption  $\text{char}(F) \neq 3$ . This map is needed on account of technical reasons. The plane  $\vartheta_1(h)$  has the form

$$ax + (at + 3b)y + (at + 3c)z = 0.$$

The case  $at + 3c = 0$  will be treated in Lemma 2.12. Assume that  $at + 3c \neq 0$ . Then the above equation is equivalent to

$$Ax + By + z = 0, \quad \text{where} \quad A := \frac{a}{at + 3c}, \quad B := \frac{at + 3b}{at + 3c}.$$

After a calculation of the defining polynomial  $f_0(\vartheta_1^{-1}([x, y, z, w]))$  of  $\vartheta_1(\mathcal{X})$ , making the substitution  $z = -Ax - By$  yields the polynomial

$$f_1(x, y, w) := c_1x^3 + 3A\delta(g)c_2x^2y + 3\delta(g)c_3xy^2 + \delta(g)c_4y^3$$

$$-3\{A^2\delta(g) - 1\}x^2w - 3A(2B + 1)\delta(g)xyw - 3(B^2 + B + 1)\delta(g)y^2w + 3xw^2,$$

where

$$c_1 = (3A)^3 g\left(\frac{1 - At}{3A}; t\right) = A^3(2t + 3)\delta(g) - 3A^2\delta(g) + 1,$$

$$c_2 = A\{B(2t + 3) + t + 6\} - 2B - 1,$$

$$c_3 = A\{B^2(2t + 3) + 2B(t + 6) - t + 3\} - (B^2 + B + 1),$$

$$c_4 = (B + 2)^3 g\left(\frac{-B + 1}{B + 2}; t\right) = B^3(2t + 3) + 3B^2(t + 6) - 3B(t - 3) - 2t - 3.$$

The equation  $f_1(x, y, w) = 0$  defines the plane cubic curve  $\vartheta_1(\mathcal{X}_h)$  in  $\mathbb{P}^2$ . It is verified that

$$\vartheta_1(P_1) = [0, 0, 1],$$

$$\vartheta_1(P_2) = [0, 3(B^2 + B + 1), c_4],$$

and hence

i if  $B^2 + B + 1 = 0$  then the point  $\vartheta_1(P_1)$  is an inflexion point.

This case will be treated in Lemma 2.13. We assume that  $B^2 + B + 1 \neq 0$  (*i.e.*  $\vartheta_1(P_1)$  is not an inflexion point). Then

$$\vartheta_1(P_3) = [9(B^2 + B + 1)^3\delta(g)Sc_4, 3(B^2 + B + 1)(R + mS), Rc_4],$$

where

$$m = -9(B^2 + B + 1)^2\delta(g)c_3 + \{3A(B^3 + (B + 1)^3)\delta(g) - c_4\}c_4,$$

$$s = -3A\{B^3 + (B + 1)^3\}\delta(g) + c_4,$$

$$R = 27(B^2 + B + 1)^6\delta(g)^2c_1 + 81(B^2 + B + 1)^4\delta(g)^2\{3A^2(B^2 + B + 1)\delta(g) - c_3\}c_3 \\ - 27A(B^2 + B + 1)^4\delta(g)^2c_2s - 18(B^2 + B + 1)^2\delta(g)c_3s^2 - c_4s^3,$$

$$S = 27A^2(B^2 + B + 1)^3\delta(g)^2 \\ - 9(B^2 + B + 1)^2\delta(g)\{B^2 + B + 1 + 3A^2B(B + 1)\delta(g) + 2c_3\} \\ + 9A(2B + 1)(B^2 + B + 1)\delta(g)c_4 - 2c_4^2.$$

It thus turns out that

ii if  $Sc_4 = 0$  then the point  $\vartheta_1(P_2)$  is an inflexion point.

iii if  $Sc_4 \neq 0$  then the point  $\vartheta_1(P_2)$  is not an inflexion point.

The case ii will be treated in Lemma 2.14. From now, we consider the case iii.

The second isomorphism  $\vartheta_2$  is defined by the linear map

$$\vartheta_2 : \vartheta_1(\mathcal{X}_h) \longrightarrow \mathcal{W}_2(\mathcal{X}_h)$$

$$[x, y, w] \mapsto [x, y, w] \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x(\vartheta_1(P_1)) & y(\vartheta_1(P_1)) & w(\vartheta_1(P_1)) \\ x(\vartheta_1(P_2)) & y(\vartheta_1(P_2)) & w(\vartheta_1(P_2)) \\ x(\vartheta_1(P_3)) & y(\vartheta_1(P_3)) & w(\vartheta_1(P_3)) \end{pmatrix}^{-1},$$

which satisfies

$$\vartheta_2(\vartheta_1(P_1)) = [1, 0, 0], \quad \vartheta_2(\vartheta_1(P_2)) = [0, 1, 0], \quad \vartheta_2(\vartheta_1(P_3)) = [0, 0, 1].$$

Since the points  $\vartheta_1(P_1)$ ,  $\vartheta_1(P_2)$ ,  $\vartheta_1(P_3)$  are not collinear, the map  $\vartheta_2$  is a well-defined isomorphism. Then the equation  $f_2(x, y, w) = 0$  defining  $\mathcal{W}_2(\mathcal{X}_h)$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} f_2(x, y, w) &:= -\frac{1}{\delta(g)} f_1\left(3(B^2 + B + 1)^2 \delta(g) S c_4 w, y + (R + mS)w, \frac{x + c_4 y + R c_4 w}{3(B^2 + B + 1)}\right) \\ &= x y^2 - S c_4 x^2 w - Q_1 x y w - Q_2 x w^2 + S^3 c_4^3 y w^2, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} Q_1 &= 9A(B^2 + B + 1)\delta(g)S c_4 + 2q, \\ Q_2 &= -3p + q(q - Q_1), \\ p &= \frac{1}{3}S^2 c_4^2 (S - c_4^2), \\ q &= \{-3A(B + 2)(B^2 + B + 1)\delta(g) + c_4\}S c_4 - (R + mS). \end{aligned}$$

The third isomorphism  $\vartheta_3$  is the Cremona transformation (§4.4 in [2])

$$\begin{aligned} \vartheta_3 : \mathcal{W}_2(\mathcal{X}_h) &\longrightarrow \mathcal{W}_3(\mathcal{X}_h) \\ [x, y, w] &\mapsto [xw, xy, w^2], \end{aligned}$$

whose inverse morphism is given by  $[x, y, w] \mapsto [x^2, yw, xw]$ . Since the curves  $\mathcal{W}_2(\mathcal{X}_h)$ ,  $\mathcal{W}_3(\mathcal{X}_h)$  are smooth by assumption, the birational map  $\vartheta_3$  is an isomorphism. We thus find the defining polynomial

$$\frac{1}{x^2 w} f_2(x^2, yw, xw) = y^2 w - Q_1 x y w + S^3 c_4^3 y w^2 - S c_4 x^3 - Q_2 x^2 w$$

of  $\mathcal{W}_3(\mathcal{X}_h)$ . Scaling by  $w \mapsto w/(S c_4)$  yields the polynomial of the Weierstrass form

$$\begin{aligned} f_3(x, y, w) &:= \frac{1}{S c_4 x^2 w} f_2(x^2, S c_4 y w, S c_4 x w) \\ &= y^2 w - Q_1 x y w + S^4 c_4^4 y w^2 - x^3 - Q_2 x^2 w. \end{aligned}$$

The final isomorphism  $\vartheta_4$  is the following change of variables preserving the Weierstrass form.

$$\begin{aligned} \vartheta_4 : \mathcal{W}_3(\mathcal{X}_h) &\longrightarrow \mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}_h) \\ [x, y, w] &\mapsto \left[ \frac{1}{u^2}(x - pw), \frac{1}{u^3}\{y - qx + (pq - r)w\}, w \right], \end{aligned}$$

where

$$u = \frac{3}{at + 3c} 3(B^2 + B + 1)S c_4,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
r = & -\{3A(B^2 + B + 1)\delta(g) - B^3(t - 3) - 3B^2(2t + 3) - 3B(t + 6) + t - 3\}^3 \\
& \times \{(B^3(t + 6) - 3B^2(t - 3) - 3B(2t + 3) - t - 6)S \\
& + 9(A(B^2 + B + 1)\delta(g) + B^3 - B^2t - B(t + 3) - 1)c_4^2\}S^2c_4^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Then the defining polynomial of  $\mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}_h)$  is

$$\frac{1}{u^6}f_3(u^2x + pz, u^3y + u^2qx + rz, z) = y^2z + \text{Tr}(\gamma_h)xyz + \text{N}(\gamma_h)yz^2 - x^3.$$

Here

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Tr}(\gamma_h) &= -a\delta(g), \\
\text{N}(\gamma_h) &= \delta(g)\{b^3 - c^3 - b^2ct - bc^2(t + 3) - a^3(2t + 3) + a^2(b(t + 3) + 3c)t \\
&\quad + a(b^2(2t + 3) - bc(t^2 + t - 3) - c^2(t - 3))\}
\end{aligned}$$

for the basis  $\{1, \beta_1, \beta_2\}$  of  $K_t/F(t)$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

REMARK 2.11. From the proof of Proposition 2.10, we have an isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{W}_3(\mathcal{X}_h) &\longrightarrow \vartheta_1(\mathcal{X}_h) \\
[x, y, w] &\longmapsto [x', y', w'],
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
x' &= 3(B^2 + B + 1)^2\delta(g)S^2c_4^2xw, \\
y' &= (R + mS)Sc_4xw + Sc_4yw, \\
w' &= \frac{x^2 + RSc_4^2xw + Sc_4^2yw}{3(B^2 + B + 1)}.
\end{aligned}$$

LEMMA 2.12. *If  $\text{char}(F) \neq 3$  and  $at + 3c = 0$  then there exists an isomorphism  $\vartheta : \mathcal{X}_h \simeq \mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}_h)$  defined over  $F(t)$ .*

*Proof.* Since the proof is based on a standard method (see §4.4 in [2] for details), we omit the detailed argument here. Let  $\vartheta_1$  be the isomorphism defined in the proof of Proposition 2.10. If  $at + 3b = 0$  then the plane  $\vartheta_1(h) : x = 0$  is tangent to the norm surface  $\mathcal{X}$ , and hence the plane section  $\mathcal{X}_h$  is singular. We thus assume  $at + 3b \neq 0$ . Then

$$\vartheta_1(h) : Ax + y = 0, \quad \text{where} \quad A := \frac{a}{at + 3b}.$$

The defining polynomial of  $\vartheta_1(\mathcal{X}_h)$  in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
f_1(x, z, w) &:= f_0(\vartheta_1^{-1}([x, -Ax, z, w])) \\
&= \{A^3(2t + 3)\delta(g) - 3A^2\delta(g) + 1\}x^3 + 3A\{A(t - 3) - 1\}\delta(g)x^2z \\
&\quad - 3\{A(t + 6) + 1\}\delta(g)xz^2 - (2t + 3)\delta(g)z^3 \\
&\quad - 3\{A^2\delta(g) - 1\}x^2w - 3A\delta(g)xzw - 3\delta(g)z^2w + 3xw^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Let

$$R = 729A^3\delta(g)^3 + 81A^2\delta(g)^2\{2\delta(g) + 27\} + 81A\{5\delta(g) + 27\}\delta(g)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & -2\{\delta(g) - 135\}\delta(g) + 729, \\ S &= -27A^2\delta(g)^2 - 81A\delta(g) - \delta(g) - 54, \\ m &= -\{3A(t + 15) + 5\}\delta(g) - 27. \end{aligned}$$

It turns out that

$$\begin{aligned} \vartheta_1(P_1) &= [0, 0, 1], \\ \vartheta_1(P_2) &= [0, 3, -(2t + 3)], \\ \vartheta_1(P_3) &= [9(2t + 3)\delta(g)S, 3R, -(2t + 3)(R - mS)]. \end{aligned}$$

There are isomorphisms

$$\mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}_h) \longrightarrow \mathcal{W}_4(\mathcal{X}_h) \longrightarrow \vartheta_1(\mathcal{X}_h)$$

defined as follows.

**[i]** the case where  $(2t + 3)S = 0$  : (i.e.  $\vartheta_1(P_2)$  is an inflexion point.)  
The defining polynomial of  $\mathcal{W}_4(\mathcal{X}_h)$  is

$$f_4(x, z, w) := \frac{1}{27\delta(g)k} f_1(x', z', w'),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= -9\delta(g)x, \\ z' &= 3z, \\ w' &= -mx - (2t + 3)z - kw, \\ k &= \{27A\delta(g) + 2t^2 + 6t + 45\}(2t + 3)^2 - \{3A\delta(g) - t + 3\}(t + 6)S. \end{aligned}$$

If  $2t + 3 = 0$  then  $S \neq 0$  by the irreducibility of  $\mathcal{X}_h$ , and this condition implies  $k \neq 0$ .  
Then we have an isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{W}_4(\mathcal{X}_h) &\longrightarrow \vartheta_1(\mathcal{X}_h) \\ [x, z, w] &\longmapsto [x', z', w']. \end{aligned}$$

There is a change of variables preserving the Weierstrass form defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}_h) &\longrightarrow \mathcal{W}_4(\mathcal{X}_h) \\ [x, y, z] &\longmapsto [u^2x + pz, u^3y + u^2qx + rz, z], \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \frac{9}{at + 3b}, \\ p &= \{3A\delta(g) - t + 3\}\{3A\delta(g) + t + 6\}, \\ q &= -3A\delta(g) + 2t + 3, \\ r &= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{3}(2t + 3)^2\{9A\delta(g) - 2t + 6\} - \frac{1}{6}(4t + 15)S & \text{if } \text{char}(F) \neq 2, \\ \frac{1}{3}(2t + 3)^2\{9A\delta(g) - 2t + 6\} & \text{if } \text{char}(F) = 2. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

ii the case where  $(2t + 3)S \neq 0$  : (i.e.  $\vartheta_1(P_2)$  is not an inflexion point.)  
The defining polynomial of  $\mathcal{W}_4(\mathcal{X}_h)$  is

$$f_4(x, z, w) := \frac{1}{27(2t + 3)^2 \delta(g) S^2 x^2 w} f_1(x', z', w').$$

Then we have an isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{W}_4(\mathcal{X}_h) &\longrightarrow \vartheta_1(\mathcal{X}_h) \\ [x, z, w] &\longmapsto [x', z', w'], \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= 9(2t + 3)^2 \delta(g) S^2 x w, \\ z' &= -3(2t + 3)(R - mS) S x w - 3(2t + 3) S z w, \\ w' &= x^2 + (2t + 3)^2 R S x w + (2t + 3)^2 S z w. \end{aligned}$$

There is a change of variables preserving the Weierstrass form defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}_h) &\longrightarrow \mathcal{W}_4(\mathcal{X}_h) \\ [x, y, z] &\longmapsto [u^2 x + p z, u^3 y + u^2 q x + r z, z], \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \frac{9(2t + 3)S}{at + 3b}, \\ p &= (2t + 3)^2 \{9A^2 \delta(g)^2 + (27A - 1)\delta(g) + 27\} S^2, \\ q &= 3\{3A\delta(g) - t + 3\}^2 \{9A(t + 3)\delta(g) + \delta(g) + 9(t + 3)\}, \\ r &= (2t + 3)^2 \{3A\delta(g) - t + 3\}^3 \{27A^2(t + 6)\delta(g)^2 \\ &\quad + 9A\delta(g)(4\delta(g) + 9(t + 3)) + (t + 42)\delta(g) + 54t + 81\} S^2. \end{aligned}$$

□

LEMMA 2.13. *With notation as in the proof of Proposition 2.10, if  $\text{char}(F) \neq 3$ ,  $at + 3c \neq 0$ , and the point  $\vartheta_1(P_1) \in \vartheta_1(\mathcal{X}_h)$  is an inflexion point then there exists an isomorphism  $\vartheta : \mathcal{X}_h \simeq \mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}_h)$  defined over  $F(t)$ .*

*Proof.* The condition that the point  $\vartheta_1(P_1)$  is an inflexion point implies  $B^2 + B + 1 = 0$ , and  $c_4 \neq 0$  by the irreducibility of  $\mathcal{X}_h$ . Here we give only isomorphisms

$$\mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}_h) \longrightarrow \mathcal{W}_5(\mathcal{X}_h) \longrightarrow \vartheta_1(\mathcal{X}_h).$$

The defining polynomial of  $\mathcal{W}_5(\mathcal{X}_h)$  is

$$f_5(x, y, z) := \frac{1}{\delta(g)c_4} f_1\left(\frac{\delta(g)c_4}{3}z, -x, y\right).$$

Then we have an isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{W}_5(\mathcal{X}_h) &\longrightarrow \vartheta_1(\mathcal{X}_h) \\ [x, y, z] &\longmapsto \left[\frac{\delta(g)c_4}{3}z, -x, y\right]. \end{aligned}$$

There is a change of variables preserving the Weierstrass form defined by

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}_h) &\longrightarrow \mathcal{W}_5(\mathcal{X}_h) \\ [x, y, z] &\longmapsto [u^2x + pz, u^3y + u^2qx + rz, z],\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}u &= \frac{3}{at + 3c}, \\ p &= A\delta(g)\{A\delta(g) + 3B - t\}, \\ q &= -A(B + 2)\delta(g), \\ r &= \delta(g)\{-A^3(B + 1)\delta(g)^2 + (B + 1)t + 3\}.\end{aligned}$$

□

LEMMA 2.14. *With notation as in the proof of Proposition 2.10, if  $\text{char}(F) \neq 3$ ,  $at + 3c \neq 0$ , and the point  $\vartheta_1(P_2) \in \vartheta_1(\mathcal{X}_h)$  is an inflexion point then there exists an isomorphism  $\vartheta : \mathcal{X}_h \simeq \mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}_h)$  defined over  $F(t)$ .*

*Proof.* The condition that the point  $\vartheta_1(P_2)$  is an inflexion point implies  $Sc_4 = 0$ . Here we give only isomorphisms

$$\mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}_h) \longrightarrow \mathcal{W}_6(\mathcal{X}_h) \longrightarrow \vartheta_1(\mathcal{X}_h).$$

The defining polynomial of  $\mathcal{W}_6(\mathcal{X}_h)$  is

$$f_6(x, y, w) := -\frac{1}{27(B^2 + B + 1)^9\delta(g)k}f_1(x', y', w'),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}x' &= 9(B^2 + B + 1)^5\delta(g)x, \\ y' &= 3(B^2 + B + 1)^4y, \\ w' &= -(B^2 + B + 1)^2mx + (B^2 + B + 1)^3c_4y + kw, \\ k &= \{9(B^2 + B + 1)^3(A^2\delta(g) - 1)\delta(g) + m\}m + 27(B^2 + B + 1)^6\delta(g)^2c_1.\end{aligned}$$

If  $c_4 = 0$  then  $S \neq 0$  by the irreducibility of  $\mathcal{X}_h$ , and this condition implies  $k \neq 0$ . Then we have an isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{W}_6(\mathcal{X}_h) &\longrightarrow \vartheta_1(\mathcal{X}_h) \\ [x, y, w] &\longmapsto [x', y', w'].\end{aligned}$$

There is a change of variables preserving the Weierstrass form defined by

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}_h) &\longrightarrow \mathcal{W}_6(\mathcal{X}_h) \\ [x, y, z] &\longmapsto [u^2x + pz, u^3y + u^2qx + rz, z],\end{aligned}$$

where

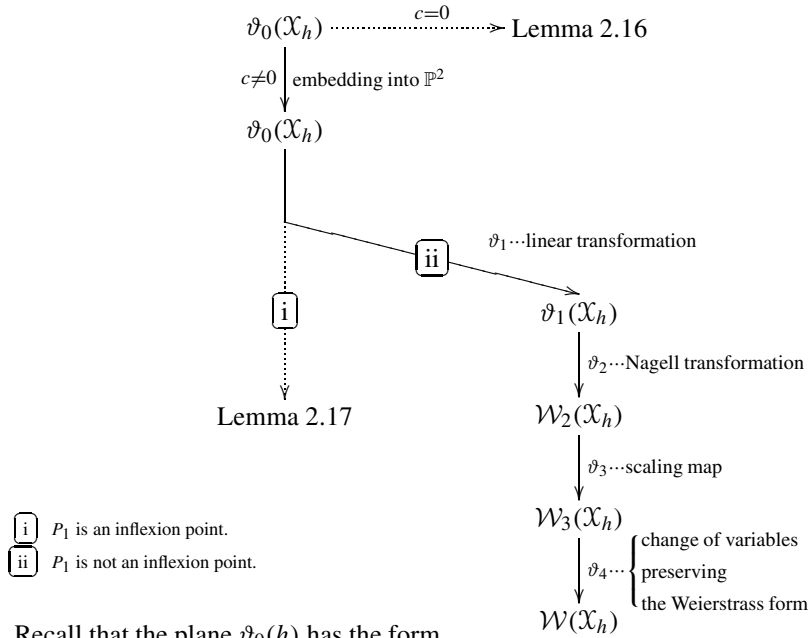
$$u = \frac{9}{at + 3c},$$

$$\begin{aligned}
p &= \frac{S - c_4^2}{3(B^2 + B + 1)^2}, \\
q &= \frac{-3A\{(B + 1)^3 + 1\}\delta(g) + c_4}{B^2 + B + 1}, \\
r &= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{3}(2t + 3)^2\{9A\delta(g) - 2t + 6\} - \frac{1}{6}(4t + 15)S & \text{if } \text{char}(F) \neq 2, \\ \frac{1}{3}(2t + 3)^2\{9A\delta(g) - 2t + 6\} & \text{if } \text{char}(F) = 2. \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

□

PROPOSITION 2.15. *If  $\text{char}(F) = 3$  then there exists an isomorphism  $\vartheta : \mathcal{X}_h \simeq \mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}_h)$  defined over  $F(t)$ .*

*Proof.* We will prove the statement via the following flowchart.



Recall that the plane  $\vartheta_0(h)$  has the form

$$ax + by + cz = 0.$$

The case  $c = 0$  will be treated in Lemma 2.16. Assume that  $c \neq 0$ . Then the above equation is equivalent to

$$Ax + By + z = 0, \quad \text{where} \quad A := \frac{a}{c}, \quad B := \frac{b}{c}.$$

For the defining polynomial  $f_0(x, y, z, w)$  of  $\vartheta_0(\mathcal{X})$ , making the substitution  $z = -Ax - By$  yields the polynomial

$$\begin{aligned}
f_0(x, y, w) &:= (A^3 - A^2t + At + 1)x^3 + \{A^2t^2 - A(-B + t + 1)t + (B - 1)t\}x^2y \\
&\quad - \{ABt + B^2 + B(t + 1) + 1\}txy^2 + (B^3 + B^2t^2 - 1)y^3
\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 & - (A + 1)Atx^2w - \{A(-B + t + 1) + B - 1\}txyw \\
 & - \{B^2 + B(t + 1) + 1\}ty^2w + Atxw^2 + (B - 1)tyw^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

The equation  $f_0(x, y, w) = 0$  defines the plane cubic curve  $\vartheta_0(\mathcal{X}_h)$  in  $\mathbb{P}^2$ . It is verified that

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_1 &= [0, 0, 1], \\
 P_2 &= \left[ -A^2(B - 1)t^3, A^3t^3, (B - 1)^3g\left(\frac{At - B + 1}{B - 1}; t\right) \right] \quad (=:[x_0, y_0, w_0]),
 \end{aligned}$$

and hence

- i if  $A = 0$  then the point  $P_1$  is an inflexion point.
- ii if  $A \neq 0$  then the point  $P_1$  is not an inflexion point.

The case i will be treated in Lemma 2.17. From now, we consider the case ii.

The first isomorphism  $\vartheta_1$  is defined by the linear map

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vartheta_1 : \vartheta_0(\mathcal{X}_h) &\longrightarrow \vartheta_1(\mathcal{X}_h) \\
 [x, y, w] &\longmapsto [x, y, w] \cdot \begin{pmatrix} y_0 & 0 & 0 \\ -x_0 & -w_0 & 1 - w_0 \\ 0 & y_0 & y_0 \end{pmatrix},
 \end{aligned}$$

which translates the point  $P_1, P_2$  to the points  $[0, 1, 1], [0, 0, 1]$ , respectively. Thus, we can reduce the argument to §8 in [1]. The curve  $\vartheta_1(\mathcal{X}_h)$  has the defining equation  $f_1(x, y, w) = 0$ , where

$$f_1(x, y, w) := f_0(x - x_0y + x_0w, y_0(-y + w), (1 - w_0)y + w_0w).$$

Let

$$f_1(x, y, 1) = F_3(x, y) + F_2(x, y) + F_1(x, y),$$

where  $F_i$  is a homogeneous polynomial of degree  $i$ .

The second isomorphism  $\vartheta_2$  is given by the Nagell transformation

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vartheta_2 : \vartheta_1(\mathcal{X}_h) &\longrightarrow \mathcal{W}_2(\mathcal{X}_h) \\
 [x, y, w] &\longmapsto \left[ \frac{y}{x}w, 2F_3\left(1, \frac{y}{x}\right)x + F_2\left(1, \frac{y}{x}\right)w, w \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

The equation  $f_2(x, y, w) = 0$  defining  $\mathcal{W}_2(\mathcal{X}_h)$  is given by

$$f_2(x, y, w) := y^2w - A^7t^9x^3 - A^4t^6q^2x^2w + At^3q(pq - r)xw^2 + \frac{1}{A^2}\{p^3 - (pq - r)^2\}w^3,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 p &= At\{A^3t(t + 1) - A^2(B + t)t + A(B^2 + B(t + 1) + 1) + B^2 + B + 1\}, \\
 q &= A^2t^2, \\
 r &= A^3t^2\{-A^2(A + Bt)t + A(B^2 + B(t + 1) + 1)t - B^3 + B(B + 1)t + 1\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

The third isomorphism  $\vartheta_3$  is defined by the scaling map

$$\vartheta_3 : \mathcal{W}_2(\mathcal{X}_h) \longrightarrow \mathcal{W}_3(\mathcal{X}_h)$$

$$[x, y, w] \mapsto \left[ A^2 t^3 x, y, \frac{w}{A} \right].$$

The equation  $f_3(x, y, w) = 0$  defining  $\mathcal{W}_3(\mathcal{X}_h)$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} f_3(x, y, w) &:= \frac{1}{A} f_2\left(\frac{x}{A^2 t^3}, y, Aw\right) \\ &= y^2 w - x^3 - q^2 x^2 w - q(pq - r)xw^2 + \{p^3 - (pq - r)^2\}w^3. \end{aligned}$$

The final isomorphism  $\vartheta_4$  is the following change of variables preserving the Weierstrass form.

$$\begin{aligned} \vartheta_4 : \mathcal{W}_3(\mathcal{X}_h) &\longrightarrow \mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}_h) \\ [x, y, w] &\mapsto \left[ \frac{1}{u^2}(x - pw), \frac{1}{u^3}\{y - qx + (pq - r)w\}, w \right], \end{aligned}$$

where  $u = A/c$ . Then the defining polynomial of  $\mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}_h)$  is

$$\frac{1}{u^6} f_3(u^2 x + pz, u^3 y + u^2 qx + rz, z) = y^2 z + \text{Tr}(\gamma_h)xyz + \text{N}(\gamma_h)yz^2 - x^3.$$

Here

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tr}(\gamma_h) &= -a\delta(g), \\ \text{N}(\gamma_h) &= \delta(g)\{b^3 - c^3 - b^2 ct - bc^2(t + 3) - a^3(2t + 3) + a^2(b(t + 3) + 3c)t \\ &\quad + a(b^2(2t + 3) - bc(t^2 + t - 3) - c^2(t - 3))\} \end{aligned}$$

for the basis  $\{1, \beta_1, \beta_2\}$  of  $K_t/F(t)$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

LEMMA 2.16. *If  $\text{char}(F) = 3$  and  $c = 0$  then there exists an isomorphism  $\vartheta : \mathcal{X}_h \simeq \mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}_h)$  defined over  $F(t)$ .*

*Proof.* Since the proof is based on a standard method (see §8 in [1] for details), we omit the detailed argument here. If  $b = 0$  then the plane  $\vartheta_0(h) : x = 0$  is tangent to the norm surface  $\mathcal{X}$ , and hence the plane section  $\mathcal{X}_h$  is singular. We thus assume  $b \neq 0$ . Then

$$\vartheta_0(h) : Ax + y = 0, \quad \text{where } A := \frac{a}{b}.$$

The defining polynomial of  $\vartheta_0(\mathcal{X}_h)$  in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  is

$$\begin{aligned} f_0(x, z, w) &:= f_0(x, -Ax, z, w) \\ &= (A^3 - A^2 t + At + 1)x^3 - \{A(t + 1) + 1\}tx^2z - (At + 1)txz^2 - z^3 \\ &\quad - A(A + 1)tx^2w - \{A(t + 1) - 1\}txzw - tz^2w + Atxw^2 - tw^2. \end{aligned}$$

It turns out that

$$\begin{aligned} P_1 &= [0, 0, 1], \\ P_2 &= [-A^2 t^3, -A^3 t^3, g(At - 1; t)] \quad (= [x_0, z_0, w_0]). \end{aligned}$$

**i** the case where  $A = 0$  : (i.e.  $P_1$  is an inflexion point.)

There is an isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned}\vartheta_0(\mathcal{X}_h) &\longrightarrow \mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}_h) \\ [x, z, w] &\longmapsto [t(x - z), t^2(x + w), z].\end{aligned}$$

**ii** the case where  $A \neq 0$  : (i.e.  $P_1$  is not an inflexion point.)

There are isomorphisms

$$\vartheta_0(\mathcal{X}_h) \longrightarrow \vartheta_1(\mathcal{X}_h) \longrightarrow \mathcal{W}_4(\mathcal{X}_h) \longrightarrow \mathcal{W}_5(\mathcal{X}_h) \longrightarrow \mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}_h)$$

defined as follows.

The first isomorphism is defined by the linear map

$$\begin{aligned}\vartheta_0(\mathcal{X}_h) &\longrightarrow \vartheta_1(\mathcal{X}_h) \\ [x, z, w] &\longmapsto [x, z, w] \cdot \begin{pmatrix} z_0 & -w_0 & 1 - w_0 \\ -x_0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & x_0 & x_0 \end{pmatrix},\end{aligned}$$

where the defining polynomial of  $\vartheta_1(\mathcal{X}_h)$  is

$$f_1(x, z, w) := f_0(x_0(-z + w), -x - z_0z + z_0w, (1 - w_0)z + w_0w).$$

Let

$$f_1(x, z, 1) = F_3(x, z) + F_2(x, z) + F_1(x, z),$$

where  $F_i$  is a homogeneous polynomial of degree  $i$ .

The defining polynomial of  $\mathcal{W}_4(\mathcal{X}_h)$  is

$$f_4(x, y, w) := y^2w - A^6t^9x^3 - A^4t^6q^2x^2w - A^2t^3q(pq - r)xw^2 + \{p^3 - (pq - r)^2\}w^3,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}p &= \{A(At + A - 1)t + 1\}t, \\ q &= At^2, \\ r &= -\{A(A^2 + At - 1)t + 1\}t^2.\end{aligned}$$

Then we have an isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned}\vartheta_1(\mathcal{X}_h) &\longrightarrow \mathcal{W}_4(\mathcal{X}_h) \\ [x, z, w] &\longmapsto \left[ \frac{z}{x}w, 2F_3\left(1, \frac{z}{x}\right)x + F_2\left(1, \frac{z}{x}\right)w, w \right].\end{aligned}$$

The defining polynomial of  $\mathcal{W}_5(\mathcal{X}_h)$  is

$$\begin{aligned}f_5(x, y, w) &:= f_4\left(\frac{x}{A^2t^3}, y, w\right) \\ &= y^2w - x^3 - q^2x^2w - q(pq - r)xw^2 + \{p^3 - (pq - r)^2\}w^3.\end{aligned}$$

Then we have an isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{W}_4(\mathcal{X}_h) &\longrightarrow \mathcal{W}_5(\mathcal{X}_h) \\ [x, y, w] &\longmapsto [A^2t^3x, y, w].\end{aligned}$$

There is a change of variables preserving the Weierstrass form defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{W}_5(\mathcal{X}_h) &\longrightarrow \mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}_h) \\ [x, y, w] &\longmapsto \left[ \frac{1}{u^2}(x - pw), \frac{1}{u^3}\{y - qx + (pq - r)w\}, w \right], \end{aligned}$$

where  $u = 1/b$ . □

**LEMMA 2.17.** *With notation as in the proof of Proposition 2.15, if  $\text{char}(F) = 3$ ,  $c \neq 0$ , and the point  $P_1 \in \vartheta_0(\mathcal{X}_h)$  is an inflexion point then there exists an isomorphism  $\vartheta : \mathcal{X}_h \simeq \mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}_h)$  defined over  $F(t)$ .*

*Proof.* The condition that the point  $P_1$  is an inflexion point implies  $A = 0$ , and  $B \neq 1$  by the irreducibility of  $\mathcal{X}_h$ . Here we give only isomorphisms

$$\mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}_h) \longrightarrow \mathcal{W}_6(\mathcal{X}_h) \longrightarrow \vartheta_0(\mathcal{X}_h).$$

The defining polynomial of  $\mathcal{W}_6(\mathcal{X}_h)$  is

$$f_6(x, y, z) := f_0\left(-x, (B-1)tz, \frac{y}{(B-1)t}\right).$$

Then we have an isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{W}_6(\mathcal{X}_h) &\longrightarrow \vartheta_0(\mathcal{X}_h) \\ [x, y, z] &\longmapsto \left[ -x, (B-1)tz, \frac{y}{(B-1)t} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

There is a change of variables preserving the Weierstrass form defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}_h) &\longrightarrow \mathcal{W}_6(\mathcal{X}_h) \\ [x, y, z] &\longmapsto [u^2x + pz, u^3y + u^2qx + rz, z], \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \frac{1}{c}, \\ p &= \{B^2 + B(t+1) + 1\}t, \\ q &= (B-1)t, \\ r &= (-B^3 + B^2t + Bt + 1)t^2. \end{aligned}$$

□

### 2.3. The proof of (III)

**LEMMA 2.18.** *Let  $E$  be an elliptic curve defined over an arbitrary field  $L$  with an  $L$ -rational 3-torsion point. Then  $E$  has the Weierstrass equation*

$$y^2 + Axy + By = x^3 \quad (A, B \in L).$$

*Proof.* Since  $E$  is an elliptic curve defined over  $L$ , the defining equation of  $E$  as a plane curve is given by the Weierstrass equation

$$y^2 + a_1xy + a_3y = x^3 + a_2x^2 + a_4x + a_6 \quad (a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_6 \in L).$$

Making a linear transformation which sends the  $L$ -rational 3-torsion point on  $E$  to the origin  $(0, 0)$ , we obtain the Weierstrass equation

$$y^2 + a_1xy + a_3y = x^3 + a_2x^2 + a_4x$$

with the 3-torsion point  $(0, 0)$ . By calculations of derivatives, it is easy to see that the point  $(0, 0)$  is smooth if and only if  $a_3 \neq 0$  or  $a_4 \neq 0$ . If  $a_3 = 0$  and  $a_4 \neq 0$  then the point  $(0, 0)$  is of order 2. Thus  $a_3$  must be non-zero. Making the substitution

$$x \rightarrow x, \quad y \rightarrow y + \frac{a_4}{a_3}x$$

yields the Weierstrass equation

$$y^2 + a_1xy + a_3y = x^3 + a_2x^2.$$

Since the tangent line to the curve at  $(0, 0)$  has slope 0, the condition that the point  $(0, 0)$  is of order 3 implies  $a_2 = 0$ . We thus have the Weierstrass equation

$$E : y^2 + a_1xy + a_3y = x^3$$

as stated in the lemma.  $\square$

The statement (III) can be proven as follows. Let  $E$  be any elliptic curve defined over  $F(t)$  representing a class in  $\mathcal{E}_{K_t/F(t)}$ . By the property (i) and Lemma 2.18, the elliptic curve  $E$  has a Weierstrass equation

$$y^2 + Axy + By = x^3 \quad (A, B \in F(t)).$$

Then the associated 3-isogeny  $\phi : E \rightarrow \widehat{E} = E/\langle(0, 0)\rangle$  is given by ([5])

$$(x, y) \mapsto \left( \frac{x^3 + B(Ax + B)}{x^2}, \frac{x^3(y + 4B) - B(Ax + B)^2 + By(y - B)}{x^3} \right),$$

where the elliptic curve  $\widehat{E}$  is defined by the equation

$$y^2 + Axy - 9By = x^3 - (A^3 + 27B)B.$$

The property (ii) implies that there exists some point  $P = (k, l) \in \widehat{E}(F(t))$  such that the roots of the equations

$$(2.1) \quad \frac{x^3 + B(Ax + B)}{x^2} = k, \quad \frac{x^3(y + 4B) - B(Ax + B)^2 + By(y - B)}{x^3} = l$$

generate the cyclic cubic extension  $K_t$  over  $F(t)$ . Let  $\alpha \in K_t$  be one of the roots of the equation on the left-hand side of (2.1). Note that this equation has discriminant  $B^2(Ak - 9B + 2l)^2 \in F(t)^{*2}$ , and every root of the equation on the right-hand side of (2.1) is contained in the field  $F(t)(\alpha) = K_t$ . Then one can verify that

$$\frac{2A^2B + k(-3B + l)}{Ak - 9B + 2l} + \frac{A^3B + 27B^2 - 10Bl + l^2 + Ak(-4B + l)}{B(Ak - 9B + 2l)}\alpha + \frac{3AB - k^2}{B(Ak - 9B + 2l)}\alpha^2$$

is another root of the equation on the left-hand side of (2.1). We may choose a generator  $\sigma$  of the Galois group  $\text{Gal}(K_t/F(t))$  such that  $\alpha^\sigma$  is the above root, and adopt  $\{1, \alpha, \alpha^2\}$  as a basis of  $K_t/F(t)$  for the norm surface  $\mathcal{X}$ . It is sufficient to prove that there exists some  $h = [a, b, c, -a] \in \check{\mathbb{P}}^3(F(t))$  satisfying  $\text{Tr}(\gamma_h) = A$  and  $\gamma_h = -B/\alpha^{\sigma^2}$ . If this is the case, then  $N(\gamma_h) = B$  by the equation on the left-hand side of (2.1), and hence, by the result

of (II), the cubic curve  $\mathcal{X}_h$  for the plane  $h = [a, b, c, -a] \in \check{\mathbb{P}}^3(F(t))$  has the Weierstrass equation

$$y^2 + Axy + By = x^3,$$

which is exactly the defining equation of  $E$  as has been chosen above. Let

$$a = \frac{A}{B(Ak - 9B + 2l)}, \quad b = -\frac{3}{Ak - 9B + 2l}, \quad c = -\frac{k}{Ak - 9B + 2l}.$$

Then one can verify the equalities  $\text{Tr}(\gamma_h) = A$  and  $\gamma_h = -B/\alpha^{\sigma^2}$  using the defining equation of  $\widehat{E}$ . Therefore we have  $\{E/F(t)\} \in \mathcal{E}(\mathcal{X})$ . This completes the proof of (III).

REMARK 2.19. The set  $\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{X})$  does not depend on the choice of a basis of  $K_t/F(t)$ .

REMARK 2.20. We can also consider the following conditions instead of the condition  $\text{Tr}(\gamma_h) = A$ ,  $\gamma_h = -B/\alpha^{\sigma^2}$ . For the condition  $\text{Tr}(\gamma_h) = A$ ,  $\gamma_h = -B/\alpha$ , we can choose the constants

$$a = \frac{A}{B(Ak - 9B + 2l)}, \quad b = \frac{Ak - 3B + l}{B(Ak - 9B + 2l)}, \quad c = \frac{-A^2B + Ak^2 - 4Bk + kl}{B(Ak - 9B + 2l)}.$$

For the condition  $\text{Tr}(\gamma_h) = A$ ,  $\gamma_h = -B/\alpha^\alpha$ , we can choose the constants

$$a = \frac{A}{B(Ak - 9B + 2l)}, \quad b = \frac{6B - l}{B(Ak - 9B + 2l)}, \quad c = \frac{-A^2B + 5Bk - kl}{B(Ak - 9B + 2l)}.$$

We end this subsection with the following characterization of elliptic curves with a rational 3-torsion point.

THEOREM 2.21. *Let  $E$  be any elliptic curve given by the Weierstrass equation*

$$y^2 + Axy + By = x^3 \quad (A, B \in F),$$

*and let  $\phi$  be a 3-isogeny  $E \rightarrow \widehat{E} = E/\langle(0, 0)\rangle$ . Then for any cyclic cubic extension  $K/F$  the following two conditions are equivalent.*

- (ii) *There exists some point  $P \in \widehat{E}(F)$  such that  $K = F(\phi^{-1}(P))$ .*
- (iv) *There exists some element  $\gamma \in K^*$  satisfying  $\text{Tr}(\gamma) = A$  and  $N(\gamma) = B$ .*

*Proof.* If (ii) holds then, as we have seen in the proof of (III), we can find an element  $\gamma \in K^*$  satisfying  $\text{Tr}(\gamma) = A$  and  $N(\gamma) = B$ . Thus, we assume that (iv)  $\text{Tr}(\gamma) = A$  and  $N(\gamma) = B$  for some  $\gamma \in K^*$ . In order to prove (ii), by the results of Theorem 1.2 and Theorem 2.5, it suffices to show the existence of a plane  $h = [a, b, c, -a] \in \check{\mathbb{P}}^3(F)$  satisfying  $\gamma_h = \gamma$  with the basis  $\{1, \beta_1, \beta_2\}$  of  $K/F$ . Here  $\beta_1 = \alpha$ ,  $\beta_2 = 1/(1 - \alpha)$  with a root  $\alpha$  of the equation  $g(x; t) = 0$ . Since  $\{1, \alpha, \alpha^2\}$  is also a basis of  $K/F$ , there is a linear combination  $\gamma = k + l\alpha + m\alpha^2$  for some  $k, l, m \in F$ . Recall the proof of Lemma 2.2. Then the element

$$\gamma_h = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \beta_1 & \beta_2 \\ 1 & \beta_1^\sigma & \beta_2^\sigma \\ a & b & c \end{vmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \alpha & \alpha^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} t-3 & t+4 & 2 \\ -t^2-t & -2t-1 & -t-2 \\ -t & -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}.$$

coincides with the element

$$\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \alpha & \alpha^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} k \\ l \\ m \end{pmatrix}$$

if and only if

$$\begin{pmatrix} t-3 & t+4 & 2 \\ -t^2-t & -2t-1 & -t-2 \\ -t & -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} k \\ l \\ m \end{pmatrix}.$$

The coefficient matrix on the left-hand side has determinant  $\delta(g)$ , which is non-zero, and hence for any element  $\gamma \in K^*$  there exists a plane  $h = [a, b, c, -a] \in \check{\mathbb{P}}^3(F)$  satisfying  $\gamma_h = \gamma$ .  $\square$

REMARK 2.22. By Theorem 1.2, Theorem 2.5 and Theorem 2.21, the set  $\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{X})$  consists of all  $F$ -isomorphism classes of elliptic curves

$$y^2 + \text{Tr}(\gamma)xy + N(\gamma)y = x^3$$

varying the element  $\gamma$  through  $K^*$ .

#### 2.4. The proof of (IV)

In order to prove (IV), we need the following key lemma. This lemma gives a relation between the constants  $\gamma_h$  and  $\gamma_{h'}$  via the action  $\tilde{\rho}(P)(h) = h'$  on planes in  $\check{\mathbb{P}}^3$ . Let  $L$  denote an arbitrary field containing  $F(t)$ .

LEMMA 2.23. For any  $h = [a, b, c, d] \in \check{\mathbb{P}}^3(L)$  and any  $P = [x, y, z, w] \in \mathcal{X}_{w \neq 0}(L)$ , let

$$[a', b', c', d'] := [a, b, c, d] \cdot {}^t\tilde{\rho}(P)^{-1} (= \tilde{\rho}(P)(h)).$$

Then

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 \\ 1 & \alpha_1^\sigma & \alpha_2^\sigma \\ a & b & c \end{vmatrix} d' = \left( \frac{x}{w} + \frac{y}{w} \alpha_1^{\sigma^2} + \frac{z}{w} \alpha_2^{\sigma^2} \right) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 \\ 1 & \alpha_1^\sigma & \alpha_2^\sigma \\ a' & b' & c' \end{vmatrix} d.$$

*Proof.* We first recall the notation in Lemma 2.2. Then the statement of lemma is

$$|M(a, b, c)|d' = \left\{ \left( \frac{x}{w}, \frac{y}{w}, \frac{z}{w} \right) \cdot {}^t(1, \alpha_1, \alpha_2)^{\sigma^2} \right\} |M(a', b', c')|d.$$

This is equivalent to

$$|M(a, b, c) \cdot M_0|d' = \left\{ \left( \frac{x}{w}, \frac{y}{w}, \frac{z}{w} \right) {}^tM_0^{-1} \cdot (1, \beta_1, \beta_2)^{\sigma^2} \right\} |M(a', b', c') \cdot M_0|d,$$

and hence it suffices to show the lemma for the basis  $\{1, \beta_1, \beta_2\}$  of  $K_t/F(t)$ . For the basis  $\{1, \beta_1, \beta_2\}$ , the matrix  $\tilde{\rho}(P)$  can be expressed by

$$(2.2) \quad \tilde{\rho}(P) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{x}{w} & \frac{y}{w} & \frac{z}{w} & 0 \\ 2\frac{y}{w} - \frac{z}{w} & \frac{x}{w} - (t+1)\frac{y}{w} & -\frac{y}{w} + \frac{z}{w} & 0 \\ -\frac{y}{w} + (t+2)\frac{z}{w} & \frac{z}{w} & \frac{x}{w} + \frac{y}{w} - t\frac{z}{w} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in \text{GL}_3(L).$$

We thus have

$$[a, b, c, d] = [a', b', c', d'] \cdot {}^t\tilde{\rho}(P)$$

$$= {}^t \begin{bmatrix} a'x + b'y + c'z \\ a'(2y - z) + b'\{x - (t+1)y\} + c'(-y + z) \\ a'\{-y + (t+2)z\} + b'z + c'(x + y - tz) \\ d'w \end{bmatrix} \in \check{\mathbb{P}}^3(L).$$

Since  $\beta_1 = \alpha$ ,  $\beta_2 = 1/(1 - \alpha) (= \beta_1^\sigma)$  is the roots of the cubic equation  $g(x; t) = 0$ , a direct calculation shows that

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \beta_1 & \beta_2 \\ 1 & \beta_1^\sigma & \beta_2^\sigma \\ a & b & c \end{vmatrix} d'w = (x + y\beta_1^{\sigma^2} + z\beta_2^{\sigma^2}) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \beta_1 & \beta_2 \\ 1 & \beta_1^\sigma & \beta_2^\sigma \\ a' & b' & c' \end{vmatrix} d.$$

□

In the following argument, we consider  $\gamma_h$  varying planes  $\{h\}$  through  $\check{\mathbb{P}}^3(L)$ . For simplicity, we use the notation

$$\text{Tr}(a, b, c) := \text{Tr}(\gamma_h), \quad \text{N}(a, b, c) := \text{N}(\gamma_h),$$

and thus we regard them as polynomials in  $a, b, c$ . For any  $h = [a, b, c, d] \in \check{\mathbb{P}}^3(L)$ , let  $C_h$  be a projective curve in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  defined by the homogeneous equations

$$\text{Tr}(x, y, z) = \text{Tr}(a, b, c)w, \quad \text{N}(x, y, z) = \text{N}(a, b, c)w^3, \quad ([x, y, z, w] \in \mathbb{P}^3).$$

Clearly, the curve  $C_h$  is well-defined up to isomorphisms, which does not depend on the choice of the representative  $(a, b, c)$  in  $[a, b, c, d] \in \check{\mathbb{P}}^3(L)$ . Then using Lemma 2.23, we have the following identification.

**PROPOSITION 2.24.** *Let  $h = [a, b, c, d] \in \check{\mathbb{P}}^3(L)$  be a plane passing through the point  $\mathcal{O}$ . Assume that  $\text{N}(a, b, c)$  is non-zero. Then there is an isomorphism  $\xi : \mathcal{X}_h \xrightarrow{\sim} C_h$  over  $F(t, a, b, c)$  given by the rational map  $P \mapsto [a, b, c, 1] \cdot {}^t\tilde{\rho}(P) (= \tilde{\rho}(P^{-1})([a, b, c, 1]))$ .*

*Proof.* If  $P = [x, y, z, w]$  is a point on  $\mathcal{X}_{h, w \neq 0}$ , then it follows from Lemma 2.23 that  $[a', b', c', u] := [a, b, c, 1] \cdot {}^t\tilde{\rho}(P)$  satisfies

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 \\ 1 & \alpha_1^\sigma & \alpha_2^\sigma \\ a' & b' & c' \end{vmatrix} = \left( \frac{x}{w} + \frac{y}{w}\alpha_1^{\sigma^2} + \frac{z}{w}\alpha_2^{\sigma^2} \right) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 \\ 1 & \alpha_1^\sigma & \alpha_2^\sigma \\ a & b & c \end{vmatrix} u.$$

Since Lemma 2.23 is valid for any basis of  $K_t/F(t)$ , the equation (2.3) holds even if we make the substitution  $\alpha_i \mapsto \alpha_i^\sigma$  or  $\alpha_i \mapsto \alpha_i^{\sigma^2}$ . Taking norm  $\text{N}$  of the equation (2.3) yields

$$\text{N}(a', b', c') = \text{N}(a, b, c)u^3,$$



since the point  $P = [x, y, z, w]$  lies on the norm surface  $\mathcal{X}$ . On the one hand, taking trace  $\text{Tr}$  of the equation (2.3), one can also easily verify

$$\text{Tr}(a', b', c') = \left( a \frac{x}{w} + b \frac{y}{w} + c \frac{z}{w} \right) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 \\ 1 & \alpha_1^\sigma & \alpha_2^\sigma \\ 1 & \alpha_1^{\sigma^2} & \alpha_2^{\sigma^2} \end{vmatrix} u.$$

This  $\text{Tr}(a', b', c')$  coincides with (Remark 2.9)

$$\text{Tr}(a, b, c)u = a \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 \\ 1 & \alpha_1^\sigma & \alpha_2^\sigma \\ 1 & \alpha_1^{\sigma^2} & \alpha_2^{\sigma^2} \end{vmatrix} u$$

if and only if the equation  $a(x - w) + by + cz = 0$  holds. From the assumption  $\mathcal{O} \in h$ , the equation  $a(x - w) + by + cz = 0$  holds, and hence

$$\text{Tr}(a', b', c') = \text{Tr}(a, b, c)u.$$

Thus, we have the non-constant rational map

$$\begin{aligned} \xi : \mathcal{X}_h &\longrightarrow \mathcal{C}_h \\ P &\longmapsto [a, b, c, 1] \cdot {}^t\tilde{\rho}(P), \end{aligned}$$

whose restriction to  $\mathcal{X}_{h, w \neq 0}$  is regular. Now we consider the following commutative diagram.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{X}_h & \xrightarrow{\xi} & \mathcal{C}_h \\ \uparrow \iota & \nearrow \xi \circ \iota & \\ \mathcal{X}'_{h'} & & \end{array}$$

Here  $\mathcal{X}'_{h'}$  denotes another model of the elliptic curve  $\mathcal{X}_h$  whose equation is defined using the norm surface  $\mathcal{X}$  with the basis  $\{1, \beta_1, \beta_2\}$  of  $K_t/F(t)$ , and  $\iota$  denotes a canonical isomorphism between  $\mathcal{X}_h$  and  $\mathcal{X}'_{h'}$  induced by some matrix  $M_0$  as in Lemma 2.2. For any point  $[a', b', c', u] \in \mathcal{C}_h$ , again using the expression (2.2), we find the linear equation

$$\begin{aligned} [a', b', c', u] &= \xi \circ \iota([x, y, z, w]) \\ &= [a, b, c, 1] \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \frac{x}{w} & 2\frac{y}{w} - \frac{z}{w} & -\frac{y}{w} + (t+2)\frac{z}{w} & 0 \\ \frac{y}{w} & \frac{x}{w} - (t+1)\frac{y}{w} & \frac{z}{w} & 0 \\ \frac{z}{w} & -\frac{y}{w} + \frac{z}{w} & \frac{x}{w} + \frac{y}{w} - t\frac{z}{w} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= [x, y, z, w] \cdot \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c & 0 \\ b & 2a - b(t+1) - c & -a + c & 0 \\ c & -a + c & a(t+2) + b - ct & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

The determinant of the latter  $4 \times 4$ -matrix is

$$-\frac{N(a, b, c)}{\delta(g)} = -b^3 + c^3 + b^2ct + bc^2(t+3) + a^3(2t+3) - a^2\{b(t+3) + 3c\}t \\ - a\{b^2(2t+3) - bc(t^2+t-3) - c^2(t-3)\},$$

which is non-zero by the assumption  $N(a, b, c) \neq 0$ . This implies that the rational map  $\xi \circ \iota$  is an isomorphism defined over  $F(t, a, b, c)$ , and hence the map  $\xi$  is an isomorphism.  $\square$

REMARK 2.25. For example, the assumption  $(N(\gamma_h) =) N(a, b, c) \neq 0$  in Proposition 2.24 holds under one of the following conditions:

- $\mathcal{X}_h$  is smooth (i.e. an elliptic curve) (by Theorem 2.5 and Remark 2.7).
- The field  $K_t$  is not contained in the ground field  $L$  (by Lemma 2.2).

REMARK 2.26. In the proof of Proposition 2.24, the unique solution of the linear equation  $[a', b', c', u] = \xi \circ \iota([x, y, z, w])$  is

$$x = -\frac{\delta(g)}{N(a, b, c)} \left\{ (a^2(2t+3) - b^2(t+1) + c^2(t-1) + bc(t^2+t-1) - a(b(t+3) + 3c))ta' \right. \\ \left. + (-b^2 + c^2 + bct - a(b(t+2) + c))b' + (-a(b+2c) + c(b(t+2) + c))c' \right\}, \\ y = -\frac{\delta(g)}{N(a, b, c)} \left\{ (-b^2 + c^2 + bct - a(b(t+2) + c))a' + (a^2(t+2) + a(b-tc) - c^2)b' \right. \\ \left. + (a^2 - ac + bc)c' \right\}, \\ z = -\frac{\delta(g)}{N(a, b, c)} \left\{ (-a(b+2c) + c(b(t+2) + c))a' + (a^2 - ac + bc)b' \right. \\ \left. + (2a^2 - b^2 - a(b(t+1) + c))c' \right\}, \\ w = u.$$

This defines the inverse map for  $\xi \circ \iota$ .

## 2.5. The proof of (V)

In this subsection, let  $L$  denote an arbitrary field containing  $F(t)$  but not  $\sqrt{-3}$ . At the end of this subsection, we will give a proof of Theorem 1.4 as a consequence of the results (IV) and (V). We first state a characterization of the isomorphic elliptic curves  $\{\mathcal{X}_h\}$  for  $h \in \check{\mathbb{P}}^3(L)$  passing through the point  $\mathcal{O}$ .

THEOREM 2.27. *Let  $h \in \check{\mathbb{P}}^3(L)$  be a plane passing through the point  $\mathcal{O}$  such that the section  $\mathcal{X}_h$  is an elliptic curve. We also let*

$$\mathcal{H}_h(L) := \{h' \in \check{\mathbb{P}}^3(L) \mid \mathcal{O} \in h' \text{ and } \mathcal{X}_{h'} \text{ is isomorphic to } \mathcal{X}_h \text{ over } L\}.$$

*Then there exists a bijection*

$$\mathcal{X}_{h,w \neq 0}(L) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{H}_h(L) \\ P \longmapsto \tilde{\rho}(P^{-1})(h).$$

*In particular, for any planes  $h, h' \in \check{\mathbb{P}}^3(L)$  such that  $\mathcal{X}_h, \mathcal{X}_{h'}$  are elliptic curves with the point  $\mathcal{O}$ , if  $\mathcal{X}_h$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{X}_{h'}$  over  $L$  then there exists some point  $P \in \mathcal{X}_{h,w \neq 0}(L)$*

such that  $\mathcal{X}_h = P \cdot \mathcal{X}_{h'}$ , where  $\cdot$  stands for the linear algebraic group action as introduced in §1.

*Proof.* Combining Proposition 2.24 and Proposition 2.28 readily yields the bijection  $\eta \circ \xi : \mathcal{X}_{h,w \neq 0}(L) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{H}_h(L)$  given by the map  $P \mapsto \tilde{\rho}(P^{-1})(h)$ .  $\square$

Theorem 2.27 says that the rational points on the affine curve  $\mathcal{X}_{h,w \neq 0}$  parametrize the set  $\mathcal{H}_h$ ; that is, the isomorphic elliptic curves  $\{\mathcal{X}_h\}$  passing through the point  $\mathcal{O}$ .

**PROPOSITION 2.28.** *Let  $h = [a, b, c, d] \in \mathbb{P}^3(L)$  be a plane passing through the point  $\mathcal{O}$ . Assume that  $\mathcal{X}_h$  is smooth (i.e. an elliptic curve). Then there is a bijection  $\eta : \mathcal{C}_{h,w \neq 0}(L) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{H}_h(L)$  given by the map  $[a', b', c', 1] \mapsto [a', b', c', -a']$ .*

*Proof.* By Theorem 2.5, we can define the map

$$\begin{aligned} \eta : \mathcal{C}_{h,w \neq 0}(L) &\longrightarrow \mathcal{H}_h(L) \\ [a', b', c', 1] &\longmapsto [a', b', c', -a']. \end{aligned}$$

We first show that the map  $\eta$  is injective. If  $\eta([a', b', c', 1]) = \eta([a'', b'', c'', 1])$  then there exists some  $u \in L^*$  such that  $[a', b', c', u] = [a'', b'', c'', 1] \in \mathcal{C}_{h,w \neq 0}$ , and hence

$$\text{Tr}(a, b, c) = \text{Tr}(a, b, c)u, \quad \text{N}(a, b, c) = \text{N}(a, b, c)u^3.$$

Since  $\text{N}(a, b, c) \neq 0$  from the assumption that  $\mathcal{X}_h$  is an elliptic curve (Remark 2.7), we have  $u^3 = 1$ . Hence  $u = 1$  by the condition  $\sqrt{-3} \notin L$  (There is a possibility that  $\text{Tr}(a, b, c) = 0$ ). This proves the injectivity of  $\eta$ .

We next show that the map  $\eta$  is surjective. Let  $h' = [a', b', c', -a']$  be any plane in  $\mathcal{H}_h$ . Again using Theorem 2.5 yields isomorphisms

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{X}_h &\xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}_h) : y^2z + \text{Tr}(a, b, c)xyz + \text{N}(a, b, c)yz^2 = x^3, \\ \mathcal{X}_{h'} &\xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}_{h'}) : y^2z + \text{Tr}(a', b', c')xyz + \text{N}(a', b', c')yz^2 = x^3. \end{aligned}$$

Each of the two elliptic curves  $\mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}_h)$ ,  $\mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}_{h'})$  has a 3-torsion subgroup generated by the point  $[0, 0, 1] \in \mathbb{P}^3$ . From the property of  $\mathcal{H}_h$ , there exists an isomorphism

$$\iota : \mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}_h) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{X}_h \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{X}_{h'} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}_{h'})$$

over  $L$  fixing the point  $[0, 1, 0] \in \mathbb{P}^3$  at infinity (If necessary, make a translation). Since the map  $\iota$  fixes  $[0, 1, 0]$  and preserves the Weierstrass form, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \iota : \mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}_h) &\longrightarrow \mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}_{h'}) \\ [x, y, z] &\longmapsto [u^2x + pz, u^3y + u^2qx + rz, z] \end{aligned}$$

for some  $u, p, q, r \in L$ ,  $u \neq 0$  (III-§1 in [7]). Since the point  $[0, 0, 1] \in \mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}_h)$  is a 3-torsion point, the point  $\iota([0, 0, 1]) = [p, r, 1]$  must be a 3-torsion point on  $\mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}_{h'})$ . Now we prove  $[p, r, 1] = \pm[0, 0, 1]$  dividing into two cases where  $\text{char}(F) = 3$  or not.

We first assume that  $\text{char}(F) = 3$ . Then it is easily seen from the 3-division polynomial for  $\mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}_h)$  that the full 3-torsion subgroup of  $\mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}_{h'})$  is generated by the point  $[0, 0, 1]$  (see also III-§6 in [7]), and hence  $[p, r, 1] = \pm[0, 0, 1]$ . We next assume that  $\text{char}(F) \neq 3$ . Then, by the condition  $\sqrt{-3} \notin L$  we have  $[p, r, 1] = \pm[0, 0, 1]$ , because

if this is not the case then the well-known property of Weil pairings asserts that the field  $L$  contains a primitive cube root of unity (III-§8 in [7]).

If necessary, substituting  $[-1] \circ \iota$  for the map  $\iota$ , we have

$$\iota([0, 0, 1]) = [p, r, 1] = [0, 0, 1].$$

Here  $[-1]$  stands for the multiplication by  $-1$  map on  $\mathcal{W}(\mathcal{X}_{h'})$ , which is an automorphism. This implies that  $p = q = r = 0$  (III-§1 in [7]), and thus

$$\mathrm{Tr}(a', b', c') = \mathrm{Tr}(a, b, c)u, \quad \mathrm{N}(a', b', c') = \mathrm{N}(a, b, c)u^3.$$

Therefore  $[a', b', c', u] \in \mathcal{C}_h(L)$  and  $\eta([a', b', c', u]) = [a', b', c', -a']$ . The surjectivity of  $\eta$  now follows.  $\square$

Finally we prove Theorem 1.4. Let  $\mathcal{X}_{h_1}, \mathcal{X}_{h_2}$  be elliptic curves for planes  $h_1, h_2 \in \check{\mathbb{P}}^3(F)$ , respectively. Since  $\mathcal{X}_{h_i}(F) = \mathcal{X}_{h_i, w \neq 0}(F)$  is a non-empty subset of  $\mathcal{X}_{w \neq 0}(F)$ , there exist some points  $Q_i \in \mathcal{X}_{h_i}(F)$  so that the point  $\mathcal{O}$  lies on the planes  $h'_i = \tilde{\rho}(Q_i^{-1})(h_i)$  and  $\mathcal{X}_{h_i}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{X}_{h'_i}$  over  $F$ . By Theorem 2.27,  $\mathcal{X}_{h_1}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{X}_{h_2}$  over  $L$  if and only if there is some point  $R \in \mathcal{X}_{h'_1, w \neq 0}(L)$  such that  $\mathcal{X}_{h'_1} = R \cdot \mathcal{X}_{h'_2}$ , namely,  $\mathcal{X}_{h_1} = P \cdot \mathcal{X}_{h_2}$  for  $P := Q_1 \cdot R \cdot Q_2^{-1} \in \mathcal{X}_{w \neq 0}(L)$ . This completes the proof.

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